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BISHOP ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Coram, NY: Congressman Tim Bishop (D-Southampton) today announced the formation of a Student Advisory Council made up of student leaders from throughout the 1st Congressional District. In addition to advising him on education issues, Bishop said he would like to hear from the student leaders on the entire range of national and international issues. The first meeting of the Student Advisory Council will occur on May 12 in the Coram District Office.

"Issues we face today in Congress, ranging from education to international relations to the future of Social Security, will have a direct impact on the next generation of Americans," Bishop said. "While many of these students may not be old enough to vote, they deserve to have their voices heard."

There are 17 members of Congressman Bishop's Student Advisory Council:

David Ali (Southampton)—Southampton High School

Todd Baker (Rocky Point)—Rocky Point High School

Melissa Carrilla (Mastic)—William Floyd High School

Elizabeth Coke (St. James)—Smithtown High School

Richard Constant (Commack)—Commack High School

Patrick Covino (Westhampton Beach)—Westhampton High School

Steven Eaton (Port Jefferson)—Port Jefferson High School

Eddie Gholson (Bridgehampton)—Bridgehampton High School

Lisa Grodski (New Suffolk)—Southold High School

Jameson Heal (Patchogue)—Patchogue-Medford High School

Greg Hermantin (Shirley)—William Floyd High School

Christian Hudson (Cutchogue)—Mattituck High School

Lindsey Kohrat (Wading River)—Wading River High School

Devin Krawec (Miller Place)—Miller Place High School

Michael Morgan (Hampton Bays)—Hampton Bays High School

Stephanie Pally (Stony Brook)—Ward Melville High School

Melissa Shifrin (Holbrook)—Sachem High School

The student leaders were nominated by their high school principals based on their leadership, academics and interest in government and politics. Bishop had sent a letter to the principals asking them to nominate a leader from their junior and seniors class. Bishop is no stranger to working with students, prior to his election to Congress, he worked for 29 years at Southampton College, where he last served as Provost.

"These student leaders represent the future of Eastern Long Island," Bishop said. "Working at a college for nearly 30 years, I have come to respect the fresh perspective and common-sense solutions that students can bring to many issues."